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MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

FROM THE MANAGER



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Happy Thanksgiving. Even though it has been a challenging year this past year, I am sure that we all have much we can be thankful for at this time of year, particularly as we recognize that there are areas of the world with much more strife.

I have recently attended annual conferences of marina organizations in which we (Long Beach Marinas) are members. The first is the California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains. This is a State organization of public harbors and public marinas. It has close ties with the California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW), and uses its lobbying power to assist in directing funding and policy to benefit the boaters and marinas in California. The second is the Marina Recreation Association. This is an organization that includes hundreds of private marinas in the western United States. It also uses its significant lobbying power to protect the interests of boaters and marina owners in the western part of the country.

The annual conferences provide an opportunity to hear from business and policy experts, as well as to network, and share ideas about the best ways to operate marinas. Information derived from these conferences, by myself and former superintendent Doug Parsons, has been invaluable in enacting changes, and obtaining funding, to better the Long Beach Marinas.

The key message in the conferences this year is the tremendous level of public agency pressure that seems to be working against boaters and marina operators. I have detailed the continued assault on DBW over more than a decade. Not only have tens of millions of boater dollars been siphoned off for other uses in the State, but this governor seems to be making it a top priority to eliminate DBW altogether. A second issue, which I have written about, is the expansion of non-fishing areas in response to the Marine Life Protection Act. Marina, boating and fishing

interests fought for a reasonable expansion of marina-protected areas. The final recommendation to the Department of Fish and Game has not been forwarded, but we believe that the recommendation made by boating and fishing enthusiasts will not be the one forwarded.

A new assault, and maybe the most destructive one, has come to us recently. It is the proposal to mandate a "Statewide Marina Permit" process, and is coming from the State Water Resources Control Board. That Board has developed marina monitoring and permit requirements, without any input from marina operators. In fact, the analyst leading the process has admitted to never going to a marina in her life. The underlying premise for this permit is to make marinas responsible for anything that floats into the marina, regardless of the source. You can imagine the impact in Long Beach, since we are located at the outfall of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers. The original estimates to monitor to the level required in this proposed permit would have cost us (Long Beach Marinas) between \$400,000 and \$500,000 a year. Obviously, the marina industry and the organizations I identified above have pushed back to higher-ups in the SWRCB, and it seems to be working, because the draft permit process has already changed. However, this is one we will watch very closely.

I wanted to write about these regulatory issues because many times we are asked to write to our legislators and voice a strong position. On occasion, we are asked to request that our customers join in an effort to stop something that is detrimental to boaters. In the future, we will use e-mail to get these requests out, so if you are prepared to help when needed, particularly if something will impact slip rates like the marina permit, please make sure that we have the correct e-mail on file. To update your e-mail information, you can contact Darla McMullin, at our Shoreline Marina Office, at 562.570.4950.

As always, happy and healthy boating

Mark A. Sandoval

CLASSES

About Boating Safely

The USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla 53, will be offering a one-day (8-hour) course "**About Boating Safely**" (ABS) on Saturday, December 5, 2009, starting at 9:00 a.m., at Cal-Aurum Industries, 15632 Container Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92649.

This course will cover types of boats, required boat and personal equipment, safe boat handling, weather, tides, charts, anchors, navigation aids and rules, radio, launching and recovering, a review, quiz, and certificate of completion.

Boating Skills and Seamanship

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 3-1, will be sponsoring a class of Boating Skills and Seamanship, on each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., beginning February 10, 2010. This is a seven-week course. The class will be held at the "Peck Park Recreation Center", 560 N. Western Ave., San Pedro, (Corner of Western and Crestwood Avenues).

The cost is \$30.00 for textbooks. For further information or to register, call Howard Kay at 310.833.9577.



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		LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
		AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1.	Tu	1:06	2.1	2:48	-1.1	7:28	6.8	9:19	3.8
2.	W	1:46	2.2	3:31	-1.3	8:08	7.0	10:07	3.8
3.	Th	2:28	2.3	4:17	-1.4	8:50	7.0	10:58	3.8
4.	F	3:16	2.4	5:06	-1.2	9:37	6.8	11:52	3.9
5.	Sa	4:12	2.5	5:57	-0.9	10:27	6.4	--	--
6.	Su	5:20	2.6	6:50	-0.5	12:51	4.0	11:24	5.8
7.	M	6:47	2.6	7:44	0.0	1:50	4.2	12:31	5.0
8.	Tu	8:27	2.4	8:39	0.5	2:48	4.6	1:54	4.3
9.	W	10:01	1.8	9:34	1.0	3:40	5.0	3:29	3.8
10.	Th	11:17	1.0	10:26	1.4	4:27	5.4	5:02	3.6
11.	F	12:15	0.3	11:15	1.8	5:10	5.8	6:20	3.5
12.	Sa	--	--	1:04	-0.3	5:50	6.1	7:24	3.6
13.	Su	12:00	2.1	1:47	-0.1	6:28	6.3	8:16	3.7
14.	M	12:41	2.3	2:26	-0.9	7:04	6.3	9:00	3.7
15.	Tu	1:20	2.4	3:02	-0.9	7:39	6.3	9:39	3.7
16.	W	1:56	2.5	3:37	-0.9	8:13	6.3	10:16	3.7
17.	Th	2:30	2.5	4:11	-0.7	8:46	6.1	10:51	3.7
18.	F	3:05	2.5	4:45	-0.5	9:19	5.9	11:28	3.7
19.	Sa	3:42	2.6	5:19	-0.2	9:53	5.6	--	--
20.	Su	4:24	2.7	5:53	0.1	12:07	3.7	10:27	5.2
21.	M	5:15	2.8	6:28	0.4	12:48	3.8	11:04	4.7
22.	Tu	6:23	2.8	7:03	0.8	1:31	3.9	11:47	4.1
23.	W	7:55	2.7	7:41	1.2	2:15	4.1	12:47	3.5
24.	Th	9:38	2.3	8:23	1.6	2:58	4.3	2:23	3.0
25.	F	10:57	1.7	9:13	1.9	3:39	4.7	4:23	2.8
26.	Sa	11:52	0.9	10:09	2.2	4:20	5.1	5:59	2.9
27.	Su	12:36	0.2	11:06	2.3	5:02	5.5	7:04	3.1
28.	M	1:18	0.5	11:59	2.3	5:45	6.0	7:52	3.4
29.	Tu	--	--	1:59	-1.1	6:29	6.5	8:34	3.6
30.	W	12:50	2.2	2:40	-1.5	7:14	6.9	9:14	3.8
31.	Th	1:39	2.1	3:21	-1.7	7:59	7.1	9:54	4.0

Charitable Donations

Every year, our customers have been very generous to our staff around the holidays by bringing goodies for us as a "thank you." This year, the Marine Bureau staff would appreciate, instead of goodies, your making a donation to one (or both) of the charity drives sponsored by the employees of the City of Long Beach. Donation boxes are available in each of the marina offices.

- The City of Long Beach Executive Assistants are hosting a canned and packaged food drive for The Salvation Army Long Beach, **Operation Feed Our Families**. A list of the most needed pantry items is available at each office.

- The Long Beach Police Department annually sponsors a **Toy Drive**. Toys should be new, and unwrapped, and are needed for all ages. Employees of the Police Department distribute items collected to deserving families in Long Beach.

As always, your generosity is much appreciated, and we thank you in advance for helping us to help those families that are truly in need.

Holiday Parades

With the holidays just around the corner be sure to mark your calendar and enjoy our festive holiday parades ...

Saturday, December 5th

2nd Street Parade

A must see – this year “A Magical, Musical Christmas” will mark the 27th anniversary of a joyous Belmont Shore holiday tradition. The parade is from 7–9 p.m, an hour later than the usual start time of 6 p.m. Second Street will be closed to all traffic beginning at 5 p.m. For additional information visit www.Belmontshore.org.



Saturday, December 12th

56th Annual Daisy Avenue Christmas Tree Lane Parade.

A unique community event sponsored by the City of Long Beach, the parade begins at 5 p.m. and travels along Daisy Avenue from Hill Street to Pacific Coast Highway and returns. For more information contact the office of 7th District Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga at (562) 570-6139, or visit www.longbeach.gov/district7



Saturday, December 12th

Shoreline Yacht Club Christmas Parade of 1000 Lights.

The parade, *A California Adventure*, is from 7–10 p.m. The route begins at the Long Beach Shoreline Marina, travels along the breakwater through the entrance to Rainbow Harbor, across the water to the Queen Mary and back to the Long Beach Shoreline Marina. For more information visit www.shorelineyachtclub.com

Saturday, December 19th

63rd Annual Naples Boat Parade

This year's parade, *California Dreamin'*, will begin at 6 p.m. All participants will meet at the Long Beach Yacht Club and will follow the route through the waters of Alamitos Bay. The skipper's meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16th at Long Beach Yacht. For more information visit <http://www.naplesca.com>. Applications will be available at the marina offices.

No Power to Your Boat

No lights, no refrigerator, no battery charger no good!

For liveaboards, having no power is the same as not having power to your home. For the weekender, the joy of being on your boat may have just come to a halt. So, what can be done to get you back up and running?

Most likely, with a little information and a couple of simple procedures, you might be able to restore a loss of electrical power to your boat rather quickly. Knowing why a loss of power occurs is helpful in resolving the problem, so here is a few procedures that might help restore the power to your boat. Please note that 1 and 2 are quite common and can resolve most loss of power issues.

1. Poor contact between the plug of your power cord and the receptacle on the light pedestal. When there is poor contact, arching (a dramatic increase in current/amps) can occur that will cause more current to flow than the circuit breaker can handle, resulting in the circuit breaker tripping. So, we can often remedy this by removing the power cord and re-inserting it to assure good contact. If there is a ring to help secure the plug to the receptacle, make certain this too is tight and secure. After this, simply re-set the circuit breaker located

on the power/light pedestal.

2. On the other end of your power cord – the end that plugs into your boat - the same procedure listed above would apply.

3. Exceeding the rated amperage of the circuit breaker on the pedestal due to equipment or machinery being used. Usually, this happens when we turn something on that we don't normally use, such as a Skill saw, drill, microwave, etc.

Items 1 and 2 mentioned above can occur after an extended period of time has elapsed from when the shore power cord was originally installed. Corrosion, caused by our marine environment and possible rain is most often the culprit, so simply removing the ends of the power cord periodically and re-inserting them can help prevent many power loss dilemmas.

If you have tried the suggested recommendations and you still have no power, then by all means give our qualified Marine Maintenance Staff a call at 562-570-1582, and they will be more than happy to get things up and running again.

Be safe and don't forget to be extra careful when working around electricity.